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SUBJ: SAG CRACKS DOWN ON A&E FIRMS

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1. NEWEST IN RECENT SERIES OF WARNINGS TO FIRMS INVOLVED IN MAJOR PROJECTS IN SAUDI ARABIA, BOTH SAUDI AND FOREIGN, IS MINISTRY OF COMMERCE STATEMENT CONCERNING ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING FIRMS, PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS MARCH 2. DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE STATED QTE: EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY (MARCH 2) ALL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS WHO VIOLATE THE CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS AND LAWS SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BLACK LIST END QTE. THE MINISTRY SINGLED OUT AS PROHIBITED PRACTICES QTE: ENGINEERING OFFICES (GETTING) INVOLVED IN PRACTICES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THEIR SPECIALIZATION AND FOR WHICH LICENSES HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO THEM, SUCH AS THE PREPARATION AND SIGNING OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND DESIGNS OR THE DESIGN OF THE CONCRETE STRUCTURE, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES PERFORMED BY SUCH OFFICES TO THE PUBLIC ARE LOW IN STANDARD AND QUALITY. BESIDES, THEIR ACTIONS CONTRAVENE THE PROVISIONS OF THE LICENSES GRANTED TO THEM FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OPERATIONS. END QTE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO STATED THAT THE DEPPUTY
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MINISTER OF COMMERCE HAS REQUESTED THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS TO TAKE NOTE OF THESE REGULATIONS IN FUTURE AND QTE: NOT TO ACCEPT ANY PLANS RELEASED BY SUCH OFFICES IF THEY ARE BEYOND THEIR ACTUAL SCOPE OF SPECIALIZATION. END QTE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SAG CRACKDOWN

ON PERCEIVED IRREGULAR ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTING FIRMS.
THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO REFLECTS IN PART THE INCREASED
POWERS RECENTLY GIVEN BY SOME MINISTERS TO THEIR
DEPUTIES TO IMPLEMENT MINISTERIAL POLIIES AND PROGRAMS.

3. REF A REPORTS FIVE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECISIONS
GOVERNING BIDS ON GOVERNMENT TEDNERS. NEW ENGLISH
TRANSLATION BY SAUDI ECONOMIC REVIEW OF MARCH 2
CLARIFIES WORDING REPORTED REFTEL. NEW TRANSLATION
OF ONE SECTION FOLLOWS: QTE: FIFTH, COMPANIES ARE
BARRED FROM SEEKING THE HELP OF BROKERS (NOTE:
PREVIOUSLY TRANSLATED AS "AGENTS") AND MIDDLEMENT. THEY
MAY SEEK THE HELP OF SAUDI BUSINESSMEN AS AGENTS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL ISSUEEND QTE.
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